(b) whether it is a fact that there is going to be acute shortage of edible oils in the country;

(c) what quantity of edible oils is proposed to be imported ;

(d) whether it is a fact that allocation of imported edible oils to the vegetable oil producing units at concessional prices is not reflected in the prices of vegetable oils ; and

(e) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to check rise in prices of vegetable oils ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been a bumper crop of mustard. Toria crop is also good. There is sufficient availability of mustard/rapeseed oil in the pipeline. Therefore, there appears to be no reason for overall acute shortage of edible oil in the country, besides the gap between demand and supply which already exists.

(c) The quantum of edible oils to be imported is decided by the Government from time to time keeping in view the availability of indigenous edible oils, likely demand of edible oils availability of foreign exchange and other related factors.

(d) and (e) Under the voluntary price agreement in force the price of vanaspati has been fixed for various packs of vanaspati, keeping in view the prices of indigenous oils and the issue price of imported edible oils supplied to vanaspati units. This price agreement is being adhered to.

All State Governments have been requested to be vigilant on the prices of vanaspati and also to enforce price discipline. Monitoring of price of vanaspati is also done by the Central Government.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Distress sale of Paddy in Haryana and Madhya Pradesh

*261. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of distress sale of paddy in Haryana as also in the Chattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to avert such sale ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has not entered into the market in a big way at those places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Government of India have not received any report of paddy conforming to specifications being sold at prices lower than the support price fixed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As on 30-11-85, the FCI has procured 32,082 tonnes of paddy in Haryana, against 16,101 tonnes on the corresponding date last year. In the Chattisgarh region, the FCI had procured 8,415 tonnes in the current year, upto 25-11-85 against 3,300 tonnes procured during the whole of the 1984-85 marketing year.

Inter-State Subarna Rekha Multipurpose Project

*265. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount spent so far in the construction of Inter-State Subarna Rekha multipurpose project;

(b) what is the amount borne by the Governments of Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal in the construction of the said project ;

(c) what is the progress made so far in the construction of the project; and

(d) what is the total hectares of land in the States of Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal which are likely to be irrigated on the completion of the Project ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) An expenditure of Rs. 85·32 crores has been incurred upto end of March, 1985 on the construction of Inter-State Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project.

(b) In the project cost of Rs. 480·90 crores estimated in 1982, the share of Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal is Rs. 97·57 crores, Rs. 378·48 crores and Rs. 4·85 crores, respectively.

(c) Construction work has commenced on the Chandil Dam and Galudih Barrage. The work is also in progress on Chandil Left Canal, Icha Right Canel, Galudih Link Canal and Kharkai Barrage Right Canal. The land acquisition work for the Kharkai Dam is in an advanced stage.

(d) The project envisages irrigation to about 90,000 hectares in Orissa, 1,60,000 hectares in Bihar and 5,000 hectares in West Bengal.

Allotment of Land to Maharani Bagh Housing Society in Friends Colony, Delhi

*269. SHRI L. GANESAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has allotted a plot of land adjacent to the park of 18 MIG flats at the Friends Colony to the Maharani Bagh Housing Co-operative Society ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the allotment including the date of handing over possession of the plot to the society;

(c) whether it is a fact that the allotment of land was done in violation of Government policy not to allot any land to group housing societies in South Delhi, if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) what action is being taken or proposed to be taken against officials responsible for the allotment ; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A plot of land measuring 1036 Sq. yds: was allotted by DDA to the Society primarily in lieu of the land taken over from them for realignment of Zonal Road passing through Temoor Nagar to Holy Family Hospital. Its possession had been given to the Society in October 1981. The allotment of alternative land to this Society does not violate Government orders banning fresh allotments of land to Group Housing Societies in South Delhi.

(d) and (e) Question do not arise in view of reply against (c) above.

Installation of Statues of National Leaders in Delhi

*271. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :